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The references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

- (1) Izumi et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,633,319, issued December 30, 1986;
- (2) Baba et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,804,831, issued February 14, 1989;
- (3) Fujiwara et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,994,920, issued February 19, 1991;
- (4) Yamada et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,212,516, issued May 18, 1993; and
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 05-219418, (MINOLTA CAMERA CO., LTD.), published August 27, 1993.

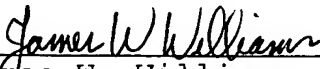
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